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SENATOR WHITNEY: Now, what you are doing now is to...all expenditures shall be directed by the board in exercising it's responsibility.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, there is another factor yet, to take into consideration too. Remember in the end of the bill in order for this Legislature to once again gain some control on what's going on in the school land. We have another provision that the Board of Lands and Funds not have the obligation to report and work with a committee of the Legislature before they go ahead and do things. And keep them informed so that this whole Legislature know what's happening as we have not for I don't know how many years. It's like a separate piece of Government running by itself. And this gets it back into control. That's another portion of the bill that's important.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, you in my judgement do not have the amendment up to the Clerk's desk. Do you?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR WHITNEY: The way it's written now. Striking my amendment to section 6?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Do you have that in total.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR WHITNEY: What I'd like to find out then, is your amendment just to restrict it to \$650,000 and would that be all that would be granted.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR WHITNEY: That would be the maximum.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes.

SENATOR WHITNEY: That is your understanding and your intent.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, Mr. President, I hope that is what is written. Because it's very definite that you cannot take money out of the funds received from the lessees, for example, the rental payments, and you cannot take interest on the school funds and take that money, and use it for irrigation projects. Now, I'm not certain, Senator DeCamp that you have properly amended this if you strike my amendment, such that they could not take this money out of the rentals and the interest. Now, Senator DeCamp could you say at this moment that your intent is not to take any money out of school rentals and interest on permanent school funds. Your intent is only to have a specific appropriations from the General Fund, the \$650,000.

SENATOR DECAMP: My intent, and the way the amendment is drafted by the fiscal analyst. The money would come out of rental. There would be no lose of money or gain or money to the General Fund. There would be a cost of administering the lands. Just like...let's put it on real simple terms. You had a house, a